

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 7 line 17-26, as follows:

One exemplary embodiment of the method according to the invention will be explained in the following text with reference to the ~~drawings~~drawings.

~~The single figure~~FIG 1 shows a network NW in which a Presence Application PA, a central server PS (Presence Server) with a configuration databank DCS (Dynamic Configuration Settings) connected to it, a monitoring instant MC (Management Client) and applications AP1 (Application 1), AP2, AP3 to be monitored are provided.

Please insert at page 7 line 28 the following paragraphs:

FIG 2 shows an exemplary embodiment of an identifier that identifies an application.

FIG 3 shows an exemplary embodiment of the Presence Application.

FIG 4 shows an exemplary embodiment of transferring text messages between the Presence Application and the Management Client and transferring a command from the Management Client to the application.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9 line 16 - page 10 line 11, as follows:

The monitoring of the application program Winword.Exe as the application AP1 will be described in the following text as one example of a monitoring process. The status of this application AP1 should be displayed continuously on the workstation computer PC within the Presence Application PA. In order to monitor the application AP1 "Winword.Exe", the user of the workstation computer PC starts the Presence Application PA and enters the application "Winword.Exe" there as the communication partner to be searched for. In this case, he enters as a supplementary address element the Internet address (IP address) of the server S on which the application "Winword.Exe" is installed. This procedure reflects the addressing in an SIP environment. Users are in this case identified on the basis of the pattern Name@Host ID (for example winword.exe@129.103.148.155). The host name may, of course, also be used instead of the IP address and is then resolved by a name server (DNS Server) that is arranged in the

network NW. The Presence Application PA is now registered via the network NW as the user of the Presence Server PS. For this purpose, in addition to the name and the network address of the application "Winword.Exe" to be monitored, monitoring data is also interchanged between the Presence Application PA and the Presence Server PS and is used for the authentication that is required for the registration process. The Presence Server PS now enters in its configuration databank DCS the name and the network address of the Presence Application PA as well as the information relating to the fact that the Presence Application PA should be supplied with the state messages and the messages relating to state changes of the application "Winword.Exe".

Please amend the paragraph at page 10 line 35 - page 10 line 11, as follows:

The user list BL (Buddy List) which is maintained in the Presence Application PA represents a process list for the applications AP1, AP2, AP3, in which the "Online-Status" (Online, Offline, busy) corresponds to the process status (active, closed, busy) for the application AP1, AP2, AP3. The instant messaging function (chat function) for the "natural" users of the Presence Application PA is related to the applications AP1, AP2, AP3 to form a trace function. Text-based information which is sent from the management client MC to the Presence Application PA, where it is visualized, is used for detailed description of the status of the respective applications AP1, AP2, AP3, and may also be stored for further processing, or passed on to other instants.